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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 19, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed May 31, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Two months extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 31, 2002.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity with a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) filed on June 19, 2003.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (703) 306-5684.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 further processing.

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